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Greetings Officers and Compatriots of the South Carolina Division,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have much to be proud of in South Carolina. Our Division is stronger than it ever has been in the history of the SCV. We have more Camps and more men dedicated to the cause of fulfilling the Charge than ever before. As I write this we may celebrate the occasion of reaching the seventy Camp mark. Congratulations are due to all the men who have worked so hard at building this Division into the highly-respected position that we enjoy today.

In the past few years we have chartered new Camps all over the state, including the recent additions of the W. E. James Camp 74 in the 4th Brigade and the Hampton's Red Shirt Riders Camp 1876 in the 3rd Brigade. Other Camps are forming in Jasper, Anderson,

Oconee and Charleston Counties. With each Camp our movement is blessed with new members beginning and completing new projects.

Besides the unprecedented growth, we have much more to be thankful for. We have a number of victories to add to our successes as well. When the spirit of your heritage called and asked you to defend it from the ravages that would have occurred from a National Park, dedicated to the cruel and calamitous period that was *Reconstruction*, you rose in great numbers and put that project down. When your SCV brothers were being discriminated against in Florence and being disallowed to march in a parade with other patriotic citizens, simply because they wanted to honor their Confederate ancestors, it was through your efforts that the city officials backed down from their bigoted stance and allowed the SCV to march. When our state representatives showed sloth when asked to pass a bill to share in the funds collected from the sale of SCV license plates, it was the force of your gentlemanly suggestion that brought that issue to a quick and successful conclusion. When you were asked by your own organization to come together in Concord, North Carolina for the purpose of protecting the integrity of the SCV, you came in numbers unmatched by any other Division. And through your efforts, the SCV will continue to be an awe-inspiring force in the battle to preserve and defend the heritage of the South. These are but a few of the great strides you have made to help vindicate the cause of the Confederate Soldier.

While you have important projects in the Camp level, there will be times that your talents and your strengths will be called on again from the Division and the National level. As I write you this today, you are being asked to write your State Representative to demand the recognition of the legal holiday; Confederate Memorial Day. You will be asked to assist in an effort to remind the misguided people that run NASCAR that the true history of the South will not be forgotten so that they might line their pockets with more Yankee dollars.

In order to continue to win in these all-important battles, we need to continue to grow. Be sure to tell a friend about the SCV and good works we have already accomplished.

Your Division staff is establishing new ways to help you grow your Camps. We will be

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again." ----- Jefferson Davis

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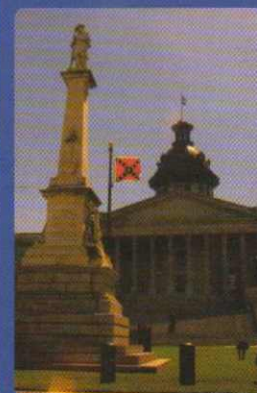
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implementing a new billing system this year that will make paying your dues as easy as paying your electric bill. The Division office will mail you a bill for all your dues (Camp, Division and National). The supplied envelope will direct your dues payment to your Camp Adjutant. This system will help in retention and help keep our numbers strong. Also, we are developing a Southern Heritage Presentation that we plan to tour around the state, enlisting new members along the way. You will hear more about this plan as it develops.

The future looks bright for the South Carolina Division. There are still sections of our state in need of Camps. There are many men out there waiting to learn that there are thousands more who care, just like they do, about their Southern Heritage. We only need to find them.

Your Division staff is looking into ways to make our office more efficient. We have been looking at the size, both geographically and numerically, of the Brigades. With membership and Camp growth we put greater and greater burden on the Brigade Commanders to properly do their jobs. Another factor we have found is that your representation on the Division Executive Council has not been equitable due to the varying Brigade size. We will be looking for answers in the following year to these and other questions that will greatly improve our efficiency.

Since the last newsletter, I have had the privilege of visiting many Camps in the Division. I appreciate the warmth and kindness I have received from each visit. At each of these meetings I have gained more knowledge about our glorious Confederate ancestors and the cause.

As your representative I attended and

brought greetings to the National Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, held in San Diego, California. While in California, I was able to attend a special meeting of all the SCV Camps of that Division. While both of these events were a success for our Division, I wish to express just how much you and your work is respected outside of this Division. In all my travels with the SCV, it is your Division that garners the most respect. Your Division is the most determined of single spirit. We act as one powerful unit. For that, I am truly proud.

We have our Division Convention coming up on March 11th in Beaufort. Make plans to be here. We need the input of all of our men as we move this Division forward. We will be electing a new slate of officers and asking you to consider some important constitutional amendments. There will also be questions concerning dues, our budget, a permanent Division home as well as other matters of vital importance. Please make sure your voice is heard and your concerns are answered. Come to Beaufort on the 11th and insure that this Division continues to be strong while enjoying the comradery of your fellow Compatriots.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Givens  
Commander  
South Carolina Division

## Lt. Commander's Report

During the past year our Division has added several new Camps. It has been great watching us grow and having Camps locate in strategic areas such as The Citadel in Charleston and Darlington's W. E. James Camp #74



located in the shadows of the Darlington International Raceway.

Many Camps cleaned cemeteries and held Memorial Services. This, in my opinion, is what we in the Sons of Confederate Veterans are all about. They have replaced broken and stolen Crosses of Honor as well as placed new VA grave markers where worn and broken stones once were. There have been Memorial Stones placed in cemeteries in honor of our Confederate Heroes lost in battle and whose bodies were never recovered. It has been my pleasure to participate in many of these Services.

Last May, our Memorial month was especially rewarding and interesting. My wife and I traveled our Division and attended Services in some very picturesque settings. Each cemetery has it's own character and beauty. Several cemeteries were returned to us, from deep wilderness, by hard working SCV members. I consider the opportunity to serve our great organization as a way to honor "The Charge." It's been a pleasure working with our 2004-2006 Executive Council and I thank Commander Michael Givens for letting me fill in for him several times when he had other commitments.

In September, 2005, I was asked for help by a lady wanting to file a membership application for her son who would soon be twelve years old and wanted to become a member. She and I would communicate several times and in late October she notified me that her son would receive his membership certificate in November. I considered it an honor when she asked if I would do the presentation and, of course, I said yes. One of the highest points of my SCV years was when I presented Will Sprouse his Membership Certificate as the newest and youngest member of the John M. Kinard Camp #35. That was a great feeling !!!



In The Confederate Spirit,

Irvin Shuler

*Lt. Commander*

*South Carolina Division*

## Adjutant's Report

Much has been written about the Great Stonewall, Thomas J. Jackson. His courage under fire, his brilliance as a leader, and his character in truth and Godliness are forever a model for us to follow. Although he grew up very awkward and somewhat insecure, young Thomas took great consolation in the words of British Statesman and author, Lord Chesterfield. Jackson's life, until death, was graced with wisdom and dignity that molded the man who was later called, "Old Blue Light" by his students.

Stonewall must have been familiar with Lord Chesterfield's quote, "Have order and method in your accounts, in your reading, in the allotment of your time; in short, in everything. You cannot conceive how much time you will save by it, nor how much better everything you do will be done." It is quite obvious that Jackson took this advice to heart since his life; both private and military, was guided by discipline and detail. It is this same principle that must guide each of us, whether we are Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant, or a part of the Division leadership. The Word of the Lord in the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

Since efficiency and competence seem to be reward for Lord Chesterfield's advice, I believe we can benefit as an organization by making some important changes in the future. Beginning in the summer of 2006, the

Division will introduce and set up a new Division Wide billing system. More details will be forth coming but the basics are this:

★ Each member will receive an invoice from Division around July 1st.

★ Members will be "billed" for renewals at all levels, including Camp, Division and National.

★ Members will send their payments, with a portion of the invoice back to their own Camp Adjutant who will then disperse funds to National and Division (*except for Life members and Real Sons*) in behalf of each compatriot.

It is hoped that our reward will result in a greater retention of our membership and we will become more efficient with the entire renewal process.

Now, as we approach the Spring Convention, another season is changing as Commander Givens completes his term as our Division head. I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity he has provided me in service to our South Carolina membership and the marked example he has displayed for us to follow. I am confident that he will provide many more years of leadership and in many further capacities in the future for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Mark A. Simpson  
Division Adjutant

## Chief of Staff

### REFLECTIONS

It gives me great satisfaction to look at the record of our division over the past two years. Reviewing the accomplishments of the men of South Carolina reminds me how much they are like their Confederate forebears, possessing the same steadfast

courage and unswerving commitment to principle as the men whose good names they are charged to defend. Some argue that this comparison is overused, leaning more to romanticism than realism, but I heartily disagree. The facts speak for themselves:

We are yet again engaged in a righteous war over freedom and truth. In every battle we fight we seem to be out-manned, out-gunned, and out-supplied by our enemy. We are blessed, however, to have the finest soldiers and leaders that this world has ever produced, and, consequently, we win victory after victory in defiance of the odds.

At home with family or at church on Sunday we appear a peaceful people, but when we are incited to defend the same, we will wade into the fight with a passion unmatched by our enemies. Our weapons of choice are no longer the rifle and sabre of years past, but are word and pen, reason and truth.

Not knowing us well or understanding what motivates us, our enemies initially perceive us as weak and easily vanquished. Experience teaches them otherwise.

Strengthened by a solid faith in almighty God, we continually approach Him in prayer, desiring His guidance and direction in our lives.

Our enemies must feel like McClellan did on the peninsula in 1862, convinced that we have 150,000 troops ready to do battle, when in truth, like Gen. John Magruder, we only have a tenth of that number.

It was not so long ago that the enemies of truth could launch an attack on our honorable heritage with near impunity, picking off their targets one by one with little fear of organized



resistance. Today they are not so smug, having been wounded and defeated in so many battles. They now know that not only will we mount a swift and vigorous defense when threatened, but also that we are often on the offensive, taking the fight to them. I am reminded of what a captured Union Captain of cavalry said of his own horse soldiers when Butler's Brigade arrived in Virginia in '64, "They used not to saddle their horses for the Virginia cavalry, but since the South Carolina boys have got here they've had to learn!" Today the South Carolina boys are forcing their opponents to learn the same lessons.

The most sincere way to honor our Confederate forebears is not just to continue this defense, but to get smarter and swifter in how we do battle, keeping our enemy forever on his heels. No Division in the Confederation is better equipped to do just this than the "boys from South Carolina" and I bid them Godspeed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Buckhiester  
SCSCV Chief of Staff

## Judge Advocate

For me to say this has been an interesting year and a half would be an understatement. Serving as the S.C. Division Judge Advocate, I have been involved with the continued growth of our state organization as we approach 70 camps. It gave me great pleasure to be a South Carolina Division delegate at the special convention in Concord, N.C. I am proud of the participation and show of support from the camps in our Division.

Since August 2004, I have also served on the SCV General Executive Committee as Councilman,

representing the Army of Northern Virginia. I feel I have helped guide our organization through a time of great turmoil and trouble. This experience has given me valuable insight into how our National Organization operates.

After much prayerful thought and consultation with my family, I have offered my name as a candidate for Commander of the South Carolina Division. My plans for the next two years, if elected, are as follows:

**1 Institute a Division wide training program for new Camp Commanders and Adjutants.** Many times we begin the new year without the knowledge required by our local leadership to best serve their camps. Mark Simpson, our division adjutant, is very much in favor of holding a class for camp adjutants and I will hold a class for camp commanders.

**2 Implement an assistance program for camps in danger of losing their charter.** South Carolina has now grown to seventy camps and some of our camps need help. We will actively support camps in danger of losing their charter.

**3 Improve member retention.** Every year we lose several hundred members and recruit several hundred more. Let's work on keeping all of our existing members. A higher percentage of membership retention and solid recruiting would boost our numbers to over 5,000 men in two years.

**4 To improve the communication with our membership.** In the last several years we have been able to counter threats to our heritage in a timely fashion but still many of our members are out of touch with what is going on. We need to print a division newsletter at least four times a year.

**5 Launch an all out campaign to make**

**Confederate Memorial Day a mandatory school holiday.** We need to lobby our legislature to see that our schools observe Confederate Memorial Day. I have consulted various experts about a bill in our legislature that could make this a reality.

**6 Ask Governor Sanford to declare May as Confederate History and Heritage Month.** Governors in other Southern states have done so in the past. Why not SC? This would be an excellent opportunity to teach Confederate history in our schools and to the general public.

In December of 1860, our ancestors embarked on their noble quest for Southern independence. Four and a half years later, they were subdued by an enemy overwhelming in numbers and implements of war. Those men who fought so hard and gave so much are all gone now, but they left for us our Confederate heritage. Our Confederate heritage is sacred gift that cannot be bought, awarded, or earned. Along with this gift comes an awesome responsibility. Stephen D. Lee made this responsibility very clear in 1906 when he gave us our "Charge". We are to defend the Confederate soldiers' good name, be guardians of his history, and see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations. I take the "Charge" and our responsibility to our ancestors very seriously. I believe my experience with the Hunley Commission, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Palmetto Battalion has provided me with the tools required to guide this division for the next two years. I welcome the opportunity to serve this division as it's next division commander.

Randy Burbage  
SC Division Judge Advocate



## BRIGADE REPORTS

## First Brigade

*Joe Payne, Commander*

When the full devastation of hurricane Katrina was initially realized in the coastal counties of Western Alabama, Eastern Louisiana, and particularly in Central Mississippi, (Biloxi, MS and Beauvoir Plantation) and in fact are still continuing, the Orr's Rifles Camp No.1959 of Walhalla, SC decided to assist those most immediately affected.

Adjutant Henry "Pee Wee" Hopkins initially contacted me and I in turn contacted the Camps of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade asking that they consider assisting in the relief effort. It must be remembered that this was early on and the SCV National IHQ was still very in the formative stages of setting up the relief fund efforts to SCV Compatriots.

So much was going on to solicit relief supplies that the Walhalla, SC Orr's Rifles Camp No.1959 also had a collection site with volunteers, Henry Hopkins, James Phillips, Allan Campbell, Mike Heath, and Dale Alexander wife Mrs. Evelyn Alexander working at the local Ingles in West Union, SC to solicit and collect contributions from shoppers and the general public who wished to assist with the humanitarian efforts.

The following Camps & organization contributed +/- \$4,188.00 both financially and with supplies:

Easley Jefferson Davis 4th Regiment  
-\$594.00 check.

Greenville - 16th Regiment  
-\$500.00 cash & supplies (Note: \$80.00 cash, \$420.00 worth was in supplies, total \$500.00).

Laurens - Brig Gen Samuel McGowan  
-\$200.00 check.

Pickens - 2nd Regiment Camp  
\$297.00 check.

Seneca - Col. Joseph Norton  
-\$300.00 check.

Walhalla - 1st SC Regt. Orr's Rifles  
-\$297.00 cash & supplies.

SCV - IHQ - \$2000.00 check.

Grace Baptist Church-Seneca  
donations of supplies, food, diapers,  
misc. items, etc.

Camp Cmdr. David McMahan, Adj. Henry Hopkins, Compatriots Keith Collins and Dale Alexander assisted in renting a 30' ft. box Penski truck along with Compatriot's Dale Alexander wife Mrs. Evelyn Alexander and Compatriots Collins driving two follow-up vehicle (also loaded with supplies) to Beauvoir and the delivery of the relief supplies. From the time they left Walhalla it took 50-52 hours to complete the trip from beginning to end and with only 6-7 hours of sleep and including only 4 meals. We was all working hard the day we left and all of use had been up a total of 42-45 hours straight before they finally had to get some sleep from being so fatigue as they found a motel in Greenbrier, AL around midnight Saturday night. This was due in large part to the damage to the I-10 Interstate and the local road conditions as they approached Central Mississippi with downed trees and damaged bridges. In the September/October issue of Confederate Veteran magazine on page 22, the first picture is of the Orr's Rifles Camp members and some of Beauvoir's personnel.

On behalf of the South Carolina Division and the 1st Brigade, these Compatriots deserve a hearty "Well Done" for their untiring sacrifices in a

Christian effort to help their fellow Americans. Thanks as well, to all those Camps that participated in the true Southern example of self-sacrifice of assisting those in need, just as our "War for Southern Independence" ancestors exemplified throughout their lives, both during and after the conflict.

The 1st Brigade has enjoyed their first ever Lee-Jackson Brigade Banquet that was hosted by the 16th Regiment Camp No. 36 Greenville for all of the Brigade's Camps and this was due in large part to the efforts of Cmdr. Tom Tucker and Lt. Cmdr. Jim Forrester. It was held on Friday Evening at 7:00 p.m. January 27, 2006 at the Greenville Marriott and the featured speaker was Professor Donald Livingston from Emory University who is a member of the John B. Gordon Camp in Atlanta and his program was on *Why the South Seceded: An Examination of the Confederate Constitution*. Dr. Livingston has always proved to be a very dynamic and informative speaker.

Dr. Livingston had previously provided us insights in the War for Southern Independence as one of the initial Stephen D. Lee institute speakers that was held in Columbia in the summer of 2005. He is a founder of the Abbeville Institute that seeks to educate those enrolled in Southern learning institutions to further the education of those who will be entering the teaching curriculum specializing in US American History.

A CSS Hunley program is to be held in Anderson at the Anderson County Library on Saturday February 18, 2006 with two programs at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the new Anderson County Library, which is located at 300 North McDuffie St. in downtown Anderson and will be put on by ANV Councilman Randy Burbage.



The Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp No. 1428 Anderson will be hosting this event with assistance from participating 1st Brigade Camps to promote Southern History and the innovations that came out of *The War for Southern Independence*.

A special thanks of appreciation for the efforts of the Palmetto Sharpshooters Adjutant Michael Graham for his efforts of procuring the location and other amenities to coincide with the program. The 1st Brigade Camps that participated in contributing to sponsoring this event were as follows:

Anderson - Palmetto Sharpshooters  
Easley - Jefferson Davis 4th Regiment  
Fountain Inn - Capt. Moses T. Fowler  
Greenville - 16th Regiment  
Laurens - Brig Gen Samuel McGowan  
Pickens - 2nd Regiment  
Seneca - Col. Joseph Norton  
Walhalla - Orr's Rifles

In addition to Compatriot Burbage's excellent program for all SCV members and friends we will also enjoy remarks by Compatriot H.K. Edgerton who will provide us with a glimpse the contributions by Black Confederates to *The Cause* that we all serve and honor.

It is our intent that whatever remaining seats that are not taken by SCV members and family that we will open the program to middle school students that are studying this period of American History.

## Second Brigade

*Leland Summers, Commander*

What are the duties of a compatriot? I believe that there are two. The first being education and the second being recruitment/retention. These are responsibilities for all of us, not just our camp officers. These essentials will effect how others look at our heritage and control the destiny of our beloved organization. We all should

be taking an active role in both.

In looking at education, we find two points. We must first educate ourselves. Then we set out to educate others. There are many ways that we can approach this. Reading our own personal resources or viewing a video is very easy. You can make a trip to the local library. Perhaps the easiest way for you to educate yourself is to attend a camp meeting. Here you usually find programs presented by outstanding speakers on a regular basis. Time is available for discussion to allow you the opportunity to formulate your own ideas and opinions on a particular subject of interest. Have you ever wondered why camps present historical and educational programs at camp meetings? I certainly don't consider them to be for entertainment. These are presented to give you the opportunity to learn about your heritage. However this new knowledge is useless unless you share it with others. Take your education to the next step. Develop a program to present at your own camp meeting. Take this even further by presenting your program to another camp or your child's history class. If we do not take the steps to teach the true heritage of the South, who will? A good example of this can be found in a conversation that I recently heard between a high school student and a compatriot after the student stated that her history class recently finished studying the Emancipation Proclamation. The compatriot asked the student what she had learned about the Emancipation Proclamation. The student remarked that it abolished slavery. He asked where? She stated in the United States. At that point the compatriot seized the opportunity to explain to the student that the Emancipation Proclamation had only freed slaves in States and portions of States that were in the "rebellion against the United States"

which actually were no longer part of the United States. He also explained to her that the "United States" had not officially freed slaves until the passage of the 13th Amendment in late 1865 after the War. The student's response was that her teacher had "never told her these facts". You see, there is always the opportunity to educate. Never let this opportunity pass from us.

The next point that I want to comment about is recruitment/retention issues. Each of us have many friends that are eligible to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Why haven't they? Is it because we have never explained who we are to them and invited them to a meeting? How many times does someone approach us and remark "you're in that Confederate group right"? Well yes I am. Well I remember that my grandmother told me that her grandfather was a Confederate soldier. The response is "oh really" and that is the end of the conversation. I have actually heard about this happening more than once. And it certainly should not happen. Invite this person to a camp meeting. Tell them why they should join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Offer to take them to the next meeting. In the area of retention, I am astounded each year with the number of individuals that join us, get their certificate and membership pin, and come to two or three meetings. At the end of the year, they don't renew their membership and we never hear from them again. Another mystery to me is the "complacent compatriot". You know him. You've seen him around. He hardly ever comes to a meeting. He always pays his dues (usually after the due date), just so he can continue to receive the magazine, which he very seldom reads. He refuses to accept any camp office and always has something else to do when a camp project is going on. Perhaps all these folks may need is an encouraging



word from us. I fail to see a place for complacency in our organization. Our commitment to our cause should be an attempt to equal that of our Confederate ancestor to the cause. To deal with recruitment and retention issues, during 2006, the camps of the Second Brigade are being asked to take part in the "Each One-Get One" Campaign. Camp commanders and adjutants will be receiving more information about this project in the near future. Basically how this will work is that any compatriot that recruits a new member or brings an old member back "into the fold" will be eligible to receive Sons of Confederate Veterans merchandise quarterly through random drawings. Each time a compatriot recruits someone or brings someone back in, his name is entered into the drawing. The grand prize at the final drawing in January 2007 will be having your registration fee paid to attend the 2007 division convention.

On a personal note, the months of November and December have been trying times for the Summers family.

On a personal note, the months of November and December have been trying times for the Summers family. Many of you sent us cards, messages, and calls during this time. We certainly cherish each one. As I prepare this missive, Lt. Kevin Summers (USAF), a compatriot in Witherspoon-Barnes Camp 1445 (and my son) is preparing for deployment to Ganic Air Base near Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Please keep him in your prayers asking the Almighty for protection and safe passage. A few weeks back, my father-in-law, Derwood Sullivan passed away after an extended illness. Mr. Sullivan, age 93, was a life long resident of Baton Rouge, LA. He was a true American hero and a "Southern Gentleman" in every sense of the word. He was a WWII veteran and saw action in North

Africa where his artillery battery received a commendation from General Patton. He fought in Sicily and Italy and spent D-Day on Utah Beach. I never heard him speak a cross or profane word. I never heard him make a negative comment about anyone. He never boasted about his military career other than to say, "I did my job as best I could". One of his favorite sayings was "Knowledge plus Experience equals Wisdom". This brings to mind my earlier comments about educating ourselves. May God bless you all and see you on the Field of Honor.

## Third Brigade

*Roy Parrish Jr., Commander*

The camps of the 3rd Brigade enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas season with our families and friends. The Hampton Redshirt Rider, camp #1876 was chartered on December 26. The 3rd Brigade now has 14 active camps. Some upcoming events that will be of interest are January 26 at 9:00 PM on SCETV, there will be a new series called "Carolina Stories", and its very first episode will be about Sergeant Manse Jolly, Hampton cavalry scout who was driven into outlawry in Anderson County during Reconstruction. "Columbia's Longest Days: February 1865", is a full-day of activities commemorating General Sherman's march to Columbia and the burning of the city. The event is scheduled for February 18th. The Battle of Aiken February 25th and 26th, sponsored by The B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp. The Battle of Columbia May 6th and 7th, sponsored by the Lt. General Wade Hampton camp. The 3rd Brigade had a good showing at the 2005 National convention with several members of the individual camps receiving personal awards. The B/G Barnard E. Bee camp received the 1st place award for outstanding camp of the year for the national Sons of Confederate Veterans.

## Fourth Brigade

*C.W. Grant, Commander*

We would like to welcome the compatriots of the W.E. James Camp #74 of Darlington into the 4th Brigade. The W.E. James Camp brings the brigade to a total of 12 Camps. The 4th Brigade has added three new camps to the division in the last three years. A special thanks to all the compatriots that so willingly give their time and devotion to honoring their ancestors.

## Fifth Brigade

*Don G. Carlson, Commander*

The process is under way to charter a new Camp in Ridgeland, Jasper County, South Carolina. This will be the 70th Camp in the State and the official charter ceremony is expected before the 2006 Convention.

2006 South Carolina Division Convention will be held in Beaufort South Carolina. Registration Friday, March 10, Convention Saturday March 11. You all should have received an information package in the mail. Questions can be addressed to:

Commander Jody Henson  
Gen. Richard H. Anderson Camp # 47  
Telephone: 843-524-1256  
e-mail: jodyhenson@yahoo.com

## Sixth Brigade

*Gene Hogan, Commander*

The largest brigade in South Carolina Division continues to work toward the fulfillment of The Charge in the Lowcountry. This writing finds us in the midst of Lee-Jackson "season", with camps holding events from January 14 to January 28.

Several camps have held successful events in the past few months.



Secession held a heritage rally, Hunley rededicated a cemetery and Moultrie dedicated some gravestones for veterans.

Ellison Capers narrowly missed a third national camp of the year award with their excellent all around performance as a camp. They joined other Charleston area camps in activities such as the Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery.

Star of the West continues to enjoy the support of the entire division as they enlarge the presence of the SCV at The Citadel. Fort Sumter and the Charleston Light Dragoons do their usual outstanding job with fellowship activities such as oyster roasts and barbecues.

Battery White and Litchfield continue to work for growth and have maximized their effectiveness by working together, such as at a parade in Georgetown. Wee Nee held a ladies' night event that was extremely well attended, including several visitors.

Just this past week, the Palmetto Guards of North Charleston turned in an application to the Division Commander, as they prepare to become the brigade's 11th camp and the South Carolina Division's 71st camp.

A brigade meeting will be held on February 11. A full report will be submitted for the convention.

#### SIXTH BRIGADE LEADS THE WAY!

#### Candidacy **Gene Hogan** - "Division Lt. Cmdr"

A business professor once told a class I was in that there are two basic rules in finance. His statement was profound in its simplicity, "More is better than less and sooner is better than later."

I've often thought about that statement. More and more, I think about it as it relates to the SCV. Let's think about "more." More members are critical to the health and future of our organization.

Recently, I was looking over population statistics for the state of South Carolina. The 2000 census shows that the white male above-16 population is 1,053,000. Factor that with 64%, which represents the native-born population, for a total of 674,000, and that is a very rough approximation of our pool of potential members.

With just 1½ % of that number, we would be a 10,000-member division. Imagine what we could achieve with that many members.

What about more camps? We are steadily bearing down on the number of camps that represents the high-water mark in our division's history. We will no doubt hit the mark and then surpass it.

More camps increase public awareness of the SCV. Everyone benefits the new camp, the parent camp and the neighboring camps. New people have opportunities for leadership and for contributing to the organization,

How does "sooner" effect us? What about getting young men involved in the SCV at an earlier age? A cutting-edge movement of college camps is underway, beginning at The Citadel with the reactivation of the Star of the West camp. A camp is being reactivated at Clemson, as well.

However, there is no need to wait until eighteen to join the SCV. A young man of twelve is welcome and we need fathers and

grandfathers to make that happen. Who would you rather influence a young man, SCV or MTV?

There is much to do for us to fulfill The Charge, but there is great reward in working toward that goal, great reward in helping this organization grow through "more" and "sooner."

I'm seeking the office of Lieutenant Commander because I want to see this division achieve its fullest potential. I'm not simply asking for a vote, but rather for something much greater.

Please join me in committing yourself to greater support of the SCV. Let us seek new ways to serve our camps and our division over the next two years. Our ancestors always found a way to rise to the occasion. As the guardians of their history, can we do less?


**Gene Hogan**  
*Commander, 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade*

#### Bumper Sticker **RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT**


The Division is putting together a series of Bumper Stickers to aid in the recruiting efforts of our Division and the SCV as a whole.


Below is a sample Decal in the works for distributing to Race fans across the South, starting with Daytona. These Bumper Stickers will be made available soon, so keep your ears and eyes open for where they will be given out.

The Division is also proposing a billboard in conjunction with the stickers.




**The Men Under This Flag  
Deserve Your Congratulations.**





**The Men Under This Flag  
Deserve Your Respect.**



**DEFEND YOUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE!**

**1-800-MY-DIXIE** The Sons of  
Confederate Veterans



# Confederate Memorial Day

Columbia, SC

**Saturday, 6 May 2006**

**Elmwood Cemetery & SC State House**

**10:00 AM, Cemetery Service**

**11:15, Procession to State House**

**12:00 Noon, Service at State House**



Compatriots,

The 2006 Statewide Memorial Day Observance will be held in Columbia, SC, Saturday, 6 May 2006. We will begin with the Memorial Service at Elmwood Cemetery, conducted by the ladies of the UDC, at 10:00 AM. This will be located Off of Elmwood Ave. at the I-126 off-ramp in downtown Columbia.

A procession from Elmwood Cemetery to the State House will begin at 11:15 AM and conclude at approximately 11:45 AM.

Upon arrival at the State House there will be a 60-minute service to honor our Confederate Veterans.

There will be a Division mailer sent to all SCSCV members but I am asking you to make this announcement to all of your members, include it in your news letters, and encourage your members to participate. This is not meant to take the place of your local observance, but is intended for all SCSCV members and their families to come together from across the state to publicly honor our Confederate Ancestors and "The Charge". This is a day for all of us to come together and show the people of the Palmetto State, the "First State of the Confederacy" our commitment to our Confederate Heritage and dedication to the brave Confederate Soldiers who gave their all for the cause in which they believed.

We ask that everyone remember that this is a Memorial Day Service to be conducted in a reverent and respectful manner. Adults wishing to participate in the procession are asked to dress appropriately, shorts and T-shirts are considered inappropriate. All flags shall be displayed reverently. Remember this is a Memorial Service not a Flag Rally. There will be properly identified Provost Guards on hand to see that this event is conducted properly and assist in any way needed.

Preceding the Memorial Day Service on Friday, 5 May 2006, the ladies of the OCR will be conducting the reading of the South Carolina "Roll Call of the Dead", from 9:00 AM until completion. We ask that any of you who are able, witness this event and participate if possible. If you wish to participate you may contact the OCR at [www.scocr.org](http://www.scocr.org).

Friday, 6 May 2006 will also be Education Day at the Battle for Columbia Site. Following the Memorial Day Services on Saturday and Sunday there will be a re-enactment at the Battle for Columbia Site.

I encourage everyone to come join us in Columbia for a full weekend of honoring our Confederate Ancestors.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and participation, I am your obedient servant.

Frank Berry

Memorial Day Committee Chairman, SC Div SCV

Southern by the Grace of God, Confederate by Conviction



# SC DIVISION CONVENTION 2006

Beaufort, SC • Host: Gen. Richard H. Anderson Camp #47

**MARCH 10th & 11th, 2006**

Historic Beaufort ([www.beaufortsc.org](http://www.beaufortsc.org)) founded in 1711 and home of the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery, welcomes the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This year's convention guest speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Bobby Eubanks, past SC Division Chaplain. We have a special evening planned for Friday's pre-registration attendees on March 10th at the Historic Beaufort Arsenal ([www.historic-beaufort.org/beaufortmuseumpage.htm](http://www.historic-beaufort.org/beaufortmuseumpage.htm)) and museum located at 713 Craven Street in downtown Beaufort ([www.historic-beaufort.org](http://www.historic-beaufort.org)). The Camp's 1st Lt. Commander, Walt Lineberger, will have an array of rare SC War for

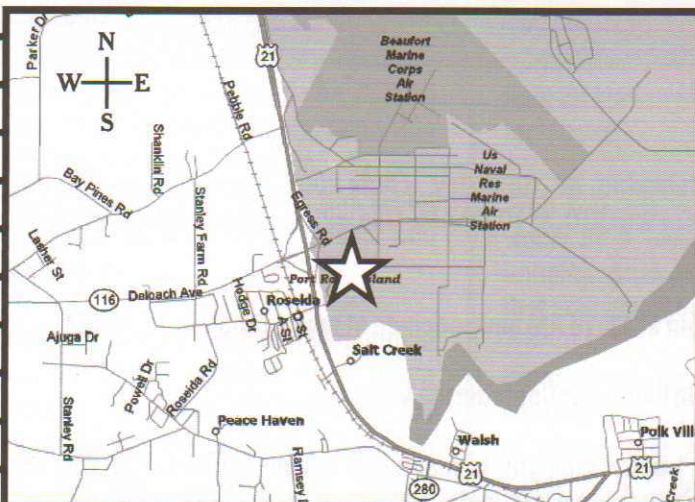
Southern Independence artifacts on display from his extensive private collection. Musical entertainment will be provided during lunch on Saturday. Historic walking and buggy tours as well as ghost tours at special rates are available to attendees and guests.

## Convention Site:

**Beaufort Readiness Center (National Guard, North of City)**  
1 Cavalry Lane

Highway 21 near Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort

Questions? Convention Chairpersons:  
Jody Henson (843) 524-1256 [jodyhenson@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyhenson@yahoo.com)  
Wayne Cousar (843) 846-5886 [cousar@islc.net](mailto:cousar@islc.net)  
Carroll Crowther (843) 521-0134 [ccrowther@islc.net](mailto:ccrowther@islc.net)



Hotel Accommodations: [www.scs cv.com](http://www.scs cv.com)

Optional: "Keep your newsletter un-cut by photocopying this form"



## Convention Registration Form

Friday Registration Times: 5pm to 8pm  
Saturday Registration Times: 7:30am to 9:30am

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Title and/or Real Son(if applies): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: Members \$45.00 - Spouse/Guests: \$20each..... Total Here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes Friday Night Social, Saturday Lunch, Convention Program - Limited Amount of Convention Day Meals - REGISTER EARLY*

Late Registration Fee - \$50.00 (after Feb. 11th)

Spouse/Guests: Still \$20

LATE FEE PLUS GUESTS TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner at the Arsenal, 6pm - \$10.00 per person..... Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*3 Pieces of Fried Flounder, Fries, Cheese Biscuits, Slaw, Tea and Lemonade*

Ancestor Memorials(by Feb. 7th) - \$5.00 each.....Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*EXTENDED!*

Rank & Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank & Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank & Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Served: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If needed, write additional Ancestors on a separate enclosed sheet of paper)*

Vending Table - \$20.00, Display type/Items for sale: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable Gen. Richard H. Anderson Camp #47  
and mailed to: 100 Meridian Road  
Beaufort, SC 29907

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# AMENDMENT PROPOSALS (For Your Pre-Convention Review)

## Article III / Section 2 / First Sentence

### Current

The South Carolina Division, SCV is subdivided into brigades consisting of two or more counties contiguous to each other taking into account traditional and historical regions of the State.

### Proposed

*The South Carolina Division, SCV is subdivided into brigades consisting of at least one county taking into account traditional and historical regions of the State.*

*office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention following their election, appointment or succession, or until election, appointment or succession of their successors.*

## Article VI / Section 5 / Second Paragraph

### Current

Brigade Commanders may appoint a First Lieutenant Commander to assist in the support of Brigade Camps and programs

### Proposed (Omitted)

## Article VI / Section 1 / First Sentence

### Current

At each Division Convention held in an even numbered year, the Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander, Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commanders.

### Proposed

*At each Division Convention held in an even numbered year, the Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Brigade Commanders and Brigade Lieutenant Commanders.*

## Article VII / Section 9

**Proposed - (Current Section 9 will become new Section 10; New Section 9 as follows)**

The Brigade Lieutenant Commander will assist the Brigade Commander in his duties, as enumerated in Article VII Section 8. He shall have Executive Committee and Convention voting privileges only in the absence of the Brigade Commander. He shall succeed the Brigade Commander in the event of any incapacitation.

## Article XVI / Section 1 / Official Observances

### Current

Section 1. The Division and all Camps shall observe Confederate Memorial Day, on or near May 10th, with proper ceremony and solemnity.

### Proposed

To add a subsection to Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. The Division and all Camps shall observe Confederate

Memorial Day, on or near May 10th, with proper ceremony and solemnity.

a. The South Carolina Division shall hold a Statewide Observance of Confederate Memorial Day on the first Saturday in May of each year in Columbia, South Carolina.

Justification: This amendment to the Constitution, establishing a permanent date for the Statewide Observance Confederate Memorial Day, will make it easier for all Camps and local communities to plan their events so that they will be able to attend the Division Observance.

Amendment to Article XVI  
Proposed by:  
Frank Berry, Sr.  
Chairman, Memorial Day Planning Committee  
SC Division SCV



## Article VI / Section 5 / First Paragraph / Third Sentence

### Current

Brigade Commanders shall hold office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention following their election or appointment, or until election or appointment of their successors.

### Proposed

*Brigade Commanders and Lieutenant Commanders shall hold*

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."





## South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Beaufort, SC 29902



### FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings, and Happy New Year! This is the last piece I will be composing and editing, as my position will be ending with the upcoming convention. I have been honored to fill the duties as Editor and revamping the graphical look of the Division Web Site. My thanks to

Ryan, the Webmaster, for his efforts in that task.

I am proud to be a Life Member of the Division, as well as a National Life Member, but I have moved to South Florida and feel that someone who wants to carry on the "Editing Torch" could fill in the spot well and keep the media flowing.

A special Thanks to Commander Roper for giving me the Editor's position, and to Commander Givens for keeping me on staff. I've enjoyed working with the other Officers and give thanks to all of you.

*To all the Camp Editors:* Keep it interesting, use nice photos and composition, be creative, work with good graphic programs for the best results. Everything you have seen me produce has been created using Corel Draw and Adobe Photoshop only. You can buy cheap older versions on Ebay, as well as Adobe Illustrator or Corel Draw's "Photopaint" (Corel Draw package usually comes with Photopaint). MS Word and the like are limiting in graphic design, but I know it's used a lot. It works fine, but mastering them will make your pieces look even better and more professional. I know everyone's not an artist, but these are just some words to help boost the appearance of your camp's newsletter. I have left some resources on the Division Web Site on the Downloads & Media page, for you to use in your monthly newsletters or web sites.

Until I see y'all again, send me a note any time to [southerngraphix@comcast.net](mailto:southerngraphix@comcast.net) --So Long!.... Rob Jones



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